Submittal Instructions Data for Potential Regulatory Use

It is important for a submitter to be in contact with DWR before a monitoring program is started if the submitter wishes for the data to be used at this level. DWR may need to audit labs or field sampling in order to use the data.

Generally, analytical data generated by non-DWR parties for regulatory purposes will be required to meet the same data quality requirements as internal activities. SOPs for collection and analysis must be available and must be consistent with DWR SOPs. Any laboratory generating data that are offered for DWR's regulatory consideration must have an established Quality Program appropriate for the expected data use. The laboratory must be certified for all parameters by EPA or DWR, where such certification exists. The data received must be in a format specified by DWR and must be of acceptable quality.

In order to be usable by DWR for regulatory purposes, data must meet certain requirements AND undergo detailed review to evaluate the accuracy, precision, and representativeness of the data.

Based on a thorough review, submitted data may be accepted or rejected. For any data that are rejected, DWR will provide justification in a brief explanation. Data rejected for regulatory purposes may be used for non-regulatory purposes.

In accepting external data from a variety of sources, it is not DWR's intent to become a repository for external data. Data management is the responsibility of the organization that collects it.